GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:295
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2006
USE OF FLY ASH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of fly ash is mandatory for making bricks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received representations for amending this provision of the relevant law;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the answer to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.295 to be answered on 14.08.2006 on Use of Fly Ash

(a) and (b) As per the provisions of notification SO 763 (E) dated 14.09.1999 (amended vide SO 979 (E) dated 27.8.2003) no person within a radius of one hundred kilometre from coal or lignite based thermal power plants can manufacture clay bricks for use in construction activities without mixing at least 25 per cent of fly ash subject to its availability.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) and (e) The notification on fly ash was issued with the focus on conservation of soil which is essential for agriculture production and hence food security, and, is used up in the manufacture of bricks. The notification inter alia provides for prevention of the dumping and disposal of fly ash by coal or lignite thermal power stations. The notification enables availability of alternate raw material namely fly ash free of cost for traditional brick manufacturing. The notification was issued only after due consultations with all including All India Brick and Tiles Manufacturer`s Federation(AIBMF) and is being implemented by many brick kiln owners. This has been brought to the attention of all those concerned including AIBMF.